

Household News

by Lynn Chambers



... TO THE CLASS OF '41!
(See Recipes Below)

COMMENCEMENT TIME

You can't believe it, can you? Susie is graduating from high school!

In between putting the final stitches on her organdy dress and entertaining visiting friends and relatives, are you going to try to find time to give her a party?

Please do. To her, it's a very important time, and she'll undoubtedly remember the gang's "last real get-together" for the rest of her life.

Why not a buffet supper? What with wars raging elsewhere, you might play up the patriotic theme in decorations, refreshments and entertainment.

Use a white tablecloth, dotted with red and blue stars, and matching napkins—they're inexpensive and colorful. To top this off, use a trio of star-shaped red, white and blue candles for a centerpiece.

It won't be necessary for you to do much, except, of course, prepare the food. Games and chatter will fill up the evening. But remember that you have as guests youngsters with appetites. They like second helpings.

Serve an appetizer, one hot dish, plenty of salad and hot rolls, more cake or ice cream than you think you will possibly need, and flatter their sense of sophistication by offering second cups of coffee.

A fortune telling cake is always fun when the crowd is young and merry. You can write fortunes on slips of paper, roll them and wrap them in bits of waxed paper, and put them in the cake after it is baked. Another idea is to put in a little trinket for each guest—an engagement ring and a wedding ring, to forecast the first engagement and the first marriage; a key for happiness; a bean for industry; a toy soldier and so forth. You can buy these favors at the ten-cent store.

*Good Fortune Cake.

- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter or other shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks, well beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, then flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla and fold in egg whites. Bake in two greased 9-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375 degrees) 25 to 30 minutes. Double the recipe to make three 10-inch layers. Spread chocolate or maple frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

LYNN SAYS:

Games may or may not be the type of entertainment your crowd will enjoy. Just in case—here are a few suggestions:

As soon as guests arrive, they receive a card with the name of a food printed on it. Each player must then find someone with the card with the name that combines with the name on his own card. Suggested names are liver and bacon; apple pie and cheese; sauerkraut and wiensers; brown bread and baked beans; ham and eggs; bread and butter; doughnuts and coffee; steak and onions; hot dogs and mustard. This game may be used in choosing supper partners.

Sardine—Some guest is chosen to be "It," and is given five minutes to hide in a spot large enough to hold several people. At the end of five minutes everyone else goes in search of "It." When one guest finds "It" he hides in the same spot and before long the hiding place is packed. The first person unable to squeeze in is "It."



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON
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NEW YORK — Birthday interviews with venerated patriarchs of this land are usually given to bland optimism, though the heavens are falling. It's an old American custom.

Morgenthau, 85, Gazes on World Without Blinders

Henry Morgenthau Sr., just turned 85, has been an exception. We haven't seen his customary chat with the reporters this year, but when and if it is recorded we may be sure he sees what he sees and isn't trying to slick things up. Not that he's a pessimist or defeatist. I remember meeting him on Mt. Desert Island, Maine, a few years ago and was tremendously impressed with his faith, ardor and fighting spirit.

He knows a lot about wars and trouble. It was our Civil war that brought him here from his native Mannheim, Germany. His father was a prosperous cigar manufacturer. Civil war tariffs put him out of business and the family came to this country when Henry Morgenthau was nine years old. He was a lawyer at 23, turned to real estate and finance, and had his money-making over at 55, with time, means and mental equipment to turn to the humanities, to philanthropy and good works in general. Now he has a son in the cabinet, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the unflagging energies which are the reward of an abstemious life.

If there's a dark side, he isn't afraid to look at it. He was back from Europe in 1933 with the simple conclusion that the world was heading into another war. "There is, in Europe," he said, "no honest, moral desire for peace." In 1913, his friend Woodrow Wilson made him ambassador to Turkey, which post he held until 1916. Thereafter, he helped pick up the pieces, in the ruin and chaos of the middle east. He has been both observing and studious and unhappily for easy-going optimists, singularly clear-sighted in his prophetic look ahead.

There's a tale of a professor who grew old writing a history of civilization. Late one night he finished it. Then, after a brief survey of the result of his arduous labors, he heaved a great sigh and threw the history in the fire.

"What's the matter?" asked his wife.

"There isn't any civilization," he replied.

Dr. Edward L. Thorndike, author of the famous Thorndike intelligence test, probably wouldn't say there isn't any intelligence, but he does say intelligence can't be tested, according to news reports of his address before the American Philosophical society at Philadelphia. Dr. Thorndike's apostasy no doubt will set up some new measuring standards.

If we don't learn much, about keeping out of wars and such, it isn't Dr. Thorndike's fault. A professor at Columbia for 37 years, he is the author of a shelf of books in the general field of the psychology of learning. He has just about surrounded the subject of "How We Learn." The question of what we learn seems to be still wide open.

From Williamsburg, Mass., he went to Wesleyan university, Harvard and Columbia and taught at Western Reserve before joining the Teachers' college faculty in 1897. He is 67 years old.

THE word is getting around that the founding fathers could fight well because they were supercharged with vitamin B. They ate anything handy and got the thiamin of the B, which is to be found mainly in roughage.

Prof Russell M. Wilder of the Mayo foundation is alarmed over our shortcomings in this regard. He says, "Continued deficiency of the thiamin content of American diets may have led to a certain degree of irremediable deterioration of the national will."

His conclusion is one of many in which it is insisted that we must look to the drug store and the grocery for the real fighting urge. Courage comes in bottles or baskets in these fantastic days.

Dr. Wilder is one of the country's leading specialists on nutrition and diseases of metabolism. Born and reared in Cincinnati, he was educated at the University of Chicago, and Rush Medical college; practiced in Chicago and has been with the Mayo foundation since 1922. He was a medical gas officer in the World war.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

Arnold, battling with O. P. M., declares sulphuric acid pool violates anti-trust laws... Congress considers advisability of lowering income tax exemptions.

WASHINGTON. — Thurman Arnold, the assistant attorney general with such zeal for trust busting, is battling with OPM and the war department again on a question involving national defense, and personal feeling is running very high.

This is not the first time Arnold has injected himself into a situation involving an army and navy plans since William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman were put at the head of O. P. M., but it may easily be the straw that breaks the camel's back, for various officials concerned with the defense setup are getting ready for a showdown with the President as to whether he will call Arnold off or not.

The present row is over sulphuric acid, vital to the manufacture of explosives, but also to steel and fertilizer. The army, navy, OPM and manufacturers had worked out a pooling arrangement which was highly satisfactory to all concerned until Arnold heard about it.

He insisted that this arrangement was in conflict with the anti-trust laws, and threatened to prosecute the companies concerned if they attempted to operate under it. He was told by OPM, the army and the navy that this pooling agreement would hurt nobody, that it was vital to the defense program and would speed up production tremendously.

Arnold could not see why it was necessary, in order to get production of sufficient sulphuric acid quickly, that there should be any pooling agreement. He wanted open competition in its manufacture.

He insisted that he had gone very carefully into the pooling agreement as proposed, and that he calculated this pooling agreement would cost the farmers of the United States \$8,000,000 a year.

This is vigorously denied by the army, navy and OPM experts, but some officials are saying that even if it were true it is a very trivial matter.

They insist that \$8,000,000 is nothing on a \$30,000,000,000 national defense program, which will be slowed down if this carping about the pooling agreement be a violation of the anti-trust law continues.

Consider Lowering Income Tax Exemptions

There is a strong disposition on Capitol Hill not to lower the income tax exemptions, despite the pressing need for every dollar that can be raised. There are two motives for resisting the change. One is economy. It will cost as much to handle the small income group returns—meaning from those persons who at present do not have to make any—as the resulting revenue will produce.

The other reason is purely political. There is no desire on the part of congressmen to build up resentments.

Moreover, the treasury scale of tax increases is accomplishing the ends always desired when most people advocate reduction of exemptions without doing it. The point is that from the treasury standpoint the only desirable point about reducing exemptions in the income tax schedules is not to get more people to pay taxes, but to make those already paying taxes pay more. A reduction of \$500 in the exemption, obviously, not only makes more people fill out income tax blanks, but it adds \$500 to the taxable income of every person now paying taxes.

The treasury has so coldly stepped up the percentages, and at such comparatively low figures, that this objective is no longer important. Besides, the treasury has always been more realistic than congress about the very high brackets. The treasury experts have always known, from experience, that as soon as the government begins taking more than three-quarters of an income—the income tax payer in course loses a great deal of incentive so far as making any more money is concerned.

If the income tax exemptions are not lowered, and this is the present prospect, there is not going to be any greater realization on the part of the small income tax group that big government spending DOES take a toll from them. They are going to keep right on thinking that it does not make much difference to them personally what taxes are, because the rich are going to pay them—but they overlook the "hidden" taxes on such items as cigarettes and playing cards.

Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

The Questions

1. How far apart are North America and Asia at the narrowest point of Bering strait?
2. What is a thimbleigger?
3. Why does a polar bear never slip on glassy ice?
4. St. Paul's epistles to the Thessalonians were written to the inhabitants of the city now called what?
5. What is the smallest deer in the world?
6. What is the principal constituent of pewter?
7. Where are the Grand Banks?
8. How does Brazil compare in size with the United States?
9. Who was the founder of psycho-analysis?

The Answers

1. Fifty-six miles.
2. One who swindles with the aid of three small cups, shaped like thimbles, and a small ball or pea.
3. The soles of the polar bear's feet are covered with thickly set hair which gives him perfect traction.
4. Salonika.
5. The mouse-deer of Indo-China. It weighs about four pounds.
6. Tin.
7. Off Newfoundland.
8. Larger by 250,000 square miles.
9. Sigmund Freud.

NEW IDEAS

for Home-makers
By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

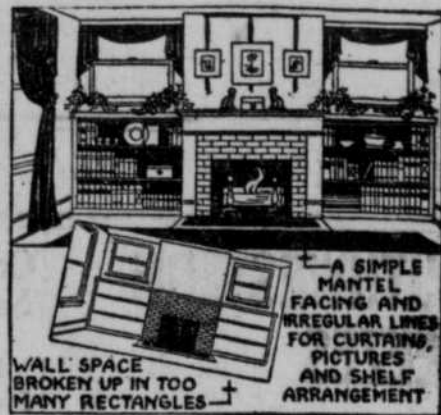
SMALL windows and bookshelves at the sides of a fireplace often create a monotonous series of rectangles. Watch out for them they play an important part in decorating plans. You see them here in the small sketch—six of them—window; overmantel space; window; bookshelves; mantel; bookshelves—around and around they go.

The only architectural change shown in the large sketch was a mantel facing built of three boards and simple mouldings. This broke up one rectangle. Irregular lines for swag drapes over the windows

Little Herbert Was There To Give the Game Away!

On arriving home father found a foreign coin resembling a quarter in his small change, so he went out to do a little shopping, taking Herbert, aged five, along. He went to the grocer's, and the grocer, looking at the coin, said with an air of surprise, "Why, this is not United States money!"

So the man went to the druggist's, and there tendered the coin. The druggist informed him that the coin was of foreign extraction. "Good heavens, so it is!" exclaimed the father. "I wonder where I got that?" "Don't you know, dad?" spoke up Herbert. "That's the one the grocer wouldn't take!"



softened the angles of two more. A large picture or mirror over the mantel just added still another rectangle, so small prints were hung with ribbons. The arrangement of vines, books and bibelots on the shelves took care of the rest.

NOTE: Directions for cutting and making the swag draperies shown in today's sketch may be found on page 17 of Book 1, in the series of service booklets offered with these articles. Also book 7 is now ready for mailing. It contains more than 30 of these home-making ideas with step-by-step directions for each, as well as a description of the series. Booklets are 10 cents each and should be ordered direct from:

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